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(c) whether the Chairman of the municipal council has applied to the Government to sanction the expenditure of these two sums if such sanction was necessary; what orders have been passed by the Government in the matter?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.

(c) Yes. The charges being of an extraordinary nature require the sanction of Government (or of the Collector to whom the Government have delegated their powers) under rule 53 (6) of Schedule IV of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920. The Chairman, Municipal Council, Tirupati, was informed on 6th January 1925 that the Government were not prepared to sanction the expenditure.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know if the municipalities are not permitted to incur the ordinary charges on correspondence?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"Sir, they are permitted."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"Does not telegram come under correspondence?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"It must not be a telegram to any individual with whom the local body has no concern."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo:—"Supposing a letter was written instead of a telegram, would that one anna spent on the stamp have been disallowed?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"When the question arises, Government will consider it."

Admission in medical schools and colleges.

* 288 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any medical school or college is earmarked for students coming from a particular district;

(b) whether any test for admitting the students has been prescribed or is being observed in selecting students for admission;

(c) whether the student's vernacular has any bearing upon the students admitted into any school or college and if so, why so;

(d) why in 1923–24, out of 149 Tanjorians only 109 were admitted in Tanjore school and 37 admitted in Royapuram and 3 in Madura; and

(e) what the principles are which guide the selection boards, if any, in the matter of admission?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the rules published in Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th June 1925.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

(d) Generally pupils are posted in the first instance to the schools they ask for so far as accommodation permits. At their own request, some students belonging to Tanjore were posted or transferred to other medical schools. Further, the Medical

School at Madura, which is only a continuation school, has provision for third and fourth year classes only and the passed second year pupils of Calicut (now Coimbatore) and some of the passed pupils of Royapuram and Tanjore schools are transferred to Madura to make up the third year class there.

(e) In selecting pupils for admission to medical schools the selection board gives preference to candidates who have taken science as their optional subject for the S.S.L.C. course. As regards the admission to medical colleges, the Selection Committee ordinarily gives preference to candidates in the following order :—

(i) Those with a B.A. Degree in Science.

(ii) Those who have appeared for the B.A. Degree examination in Science and passed the Science portion of the examination or attended B.A. class in science.

(iii) Those who have passed the Intermediate examination in group II, first class.

(iv) Those who have passed the Intermediate examination in group I, first class.

(v) Those who have passed the Intermediate examination in group II, second class.

(vi) Those who have passed the Intermediate examination in group I, second class.

(vii) Those who have passed any other examinations recognized by the General Medical Council in accordance with Regulation 250 (1) of the Madras University.

Provided that in the application of these rules if the number of candidates to be admitted from the non-Brahman communities, including Christians, Muhammadans and depressed classes, falls short of two-thirds of the total number of candidates that can be admitted, the minimum qualifications is in the case of the candidates from those communities considered sufficient for admission, notwithstanding the order of preference prescribed by the rules.

There is, however, no objection to the Brahman candidates being admitted to the extent of more than one-third of the total number of candidates that can be admitted if from the non-Brahman communities there is not sufficient number of applicants for admission with at least the minimum qualifications.

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Women and Children's Hospital at Mangalore.

*289 Q.—Mr. K. Raghuchandra Ballal : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that subscriptions are being collected from the public of South Kanara for a Women and Children's Hospital in Mangalore ;

(b) if so, the amount collected up to now ;

(c) the amount estimated for the purpose ;

(d) whether the hospital is meant for in-patients also ;